

LIVERPOOL CITY POLICE.

Form 238.

FROM

THE CHIEF CONSTABLE,
CENTRAL POLICE OFFICE,

To The Headmaster,
Bluecoat Hospital,
LIVERPOOL.

274-1M-2.27.

17th. July, 1928.

Dear Sir,

Ref. No.

I beg to inform you that the Fire Appliances at
your premises

were examined by the Fire Brigade Staff on the 4th instant,
and found to be in order, ~~except~~

I am,

Yours faithfully,

LIONEL EVERETT,

Chief Constable,

per.....

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INSPECTION OF PRIVATE FIRE APPLIANCES.

I am directed by the Watch Committee to call your attention to the system under which the Officers of the Fire Brigade make periodical visits of Inspection of private premises, a matter about which there seems to be some misunderstanding.

The law lays no obligation on the Watch Committee to have this inspection made, nor, except in the case of certain persons holding licenses from the Magistrates or other licensing bodies under conditions which expressly provide for the point, does it oblige anybody to invite or allow the Officers of the Committee to enter their premises for the purpose.

Many years ago, however, the Watch Committee undertook, as a service of public utility, the duty of inspecting the Fire Appliances of those who wished to avail themselves of the technical advice and regular inspection of the Officers of the Fire Brigade, but, inasmuch as inspection which is not followed by the repair of the defects is to no purpose, the Committee has directed that if a defect is not repaired after attention has been called to it thrice the visits are to cease, as being mere waste of time.

I am to point out further that these inspections are confined to testing hydrants and other water communications, seeing that movable appliances are in their right places, advising on the installation of appliances, training inmates in the knowledge and use of them and so on, but they **cannot be extended to testing of hose.**

Testing hose on the premises would take more time than the Officers of the Brigade could afford to give; it means considerable labour, often a certain amount of water damage, and always entails proper drying, for which there is seldom accommodation on the spot.

The Watch Committee, however, is prepared to test at the Central Fire Station any hose left there for the purpose and to lend some of its own in the meanwhile; any which is found defective but repairable will be delivered for repair to any person named, or, at the request of the owner, will be repaired for the cost of the labour, copper wire, rivets, and so on.

LIONEL EVERETT,
CHIEF CONSTABLE.